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THE  
**Statutes at Large**  
AND  
PROCLAMATIONS  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
FROM DECEMBER 1869 TO MARCH 1871,  
AND  
TREATIES AND POSTAL CONVENTIONS

Arranged in Chronological Order and carefully collated with  
the Originals at Washington,

WITH

REFERENCES TO THE MATTER OF EACH ACT AND TO THE SUBSEQUENT  
ACTS ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

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ritory disap-  
proved.

Next appor-  
tionment to be in  
what form.  
1868, ch. 235, § 4.  
Vol. xv. p. 179.

the Territory of Wyoming into council and representative districts, and for other purposes," be, and the same is hereby, disapproved and repealed. And the next apportionment of said Territory for members of the council and house of representatives in the Territorial legislature shall be made by the governor of the Territory in the manner and form prescribed in section four of the act of Congress entitled "An act to provide a temporary government for the Territory of Wyoming," approved July twenty-five, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight.

APPROVED, February 21, 1871.

Feb. 24, 1871.

CHAP. LXVII. — *An Act to authorize the Union Pacific Railroad Company to issue its Bonds to construct a Bridge across the Missouri River at Omaha, Nebraska, and Council Bluffs, Iowa.*

Union Pacific  
Railroad Compa-  
ny may issue  
bonds, &c. to  
construct, &c. a  
bridge across the  
Missouri river at  
Omaha.

Construction  
of bridge; tolls,  
&c.

1866, ch. 246.  
Vol. xlv. p. 244.

Eastern termi-  
nus of railroad  
not to be  
changed.

Congress may  
regulate tolls and  
fares.

Amount of  
bonds.  
Drawn.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the more perfect connection of any railroads that are or shall be constructed to the Missouri river, at or near Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Omaha, Nebraska, the Union Pacific Railroad Company be, and it is hereby, authorized to issue such bonds, and secure the same by mortgage on the bridge and approaches and appurtenances, as it may deem needful to construct and maintain its bridge over said river, and the tracks and depots required to perfect the same, as now authorized by law of Congress; and said bridge may be so constructed as to provide for the passage of ordinary vehicles and travel, and said company may levy and collect tolls and charges for the use of the same; and for the use and protection of said bridge and property, the Union Pacific Railway Company shall be empowered, governed, and limited by the provisions of the act entitled "An act to authorize the construction of certain bridges, and to establish them as post roads," approved July twenty-five, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, so far as the same is applicable thereto: And provided, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to change the eastern terminus of the Union Pacific railroad from the place where it is now fixed under existing laws, nor to release said Union Pacific Railroad Company, or its successors, from its obligation as established by existing laws: Provided also, That Congress shall at all times have power to regulate said bridge, and the rates for the transportation of freight and passengers over the same, and the local travel hereinbefore provided for. And the amount of bonds herein authorized shall not exceed two and a half millions of dollars: Provided, That if said bridge shall be constructed as a drawbridge, the same shall be constructed with spans of not less than two hundred feet in length in the clear on each side of the central or pivot pier of the draw.*

APPROVED, February 24, 1871.

Feb. 24, 1871.

CHAP. LXVIII. — *An Act to provide for the Disposition of useless military Reservations.*

Provisions for  
the sale of cer-  
tain military res-  
ervations in  
Oregon;

Kansas;  
Nevada;  
New Mexico;  
Louisiana;  
Arkansas;  
Red River;  
Wyoming.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to transfer to the custody and control of the Secretary of the Interior, for disposition for cash, according to the existing laws of the United States relating to the public lands, after appraisement, to the highest bidder, and at not less than the appraised value, nor at less than one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, the United States military reservations at Forts Lane and Walla-Walla, in the State of Oregon; Fort Zarah, in the State of Kansas; Camp McGarry, in the State of Nevada; Fort Sumner, in the Territory of New Mexico; Fort Jessup and Sabine, in the State of Louisiana; Fort Wayne and Fort Smith, in the State of Arkansas; such portion of the Fort Abercrombia reservation as lies east of the Red River of the North; and such portions of the reservation at Fort Bridger, in the*

Territory of Wyoming, as may no longer be required for military purposes: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Interior shall, whenever in his opinion the public interests may require it, cause any of the foregoing reservations, or part thereof, to be subdivided into tracts less than forty acres each, or into town lots: *And provided also*, That each subdivision shall be appraised and offered separately at public outcry, to the highest bidder, as hereinbefore provided, after which any unsold land or lot shall be subject to sale at private entry for the appraised value, at the proper land office: *And provided further*, That should there be improvements of buildings, or of building materials, or other valuable property, the Secretary of the Interior shall have them appraised; and no patent shall issue for the real estate until the improvements are paid for, at the appraised value thereof, under such regulations as may be prescribed by the said Secretary.

Reservations may be subdivided into forty-acre tracts or town lots.  
Public auction.

Private entry.  
Improvements.

Patent not to issue until, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the right is hereby granted to Dalles City to have and use the waters of Mill creek flowing through the military reservation of Fort Dalles, Oregon, and the right of way to convey the same through said reservation for the purposes of supplying Dalles City with water and for manufacturing purposes.

Dalles City may use the water of Mill creek;

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That permission is granted to the corporated authorities of Dalles City to extend Liberty Street southerly, on the line of the same, through said reservation, and [that] the land lying east thereof be, and the same is, granted to said Dalles City, in fee, upon the payment to the United States therefor [of] the sum of five dollars per acre.

may extend Liberty Street southerly.  
Grant of land

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the land hereby granted to said city shall be surveyed under the direction of the surveyor-general for the State of Oregon upon application to him made by the mayor of said city; and the expenses of such survey shall be paid by said Dalles City.

Land to be surveyed;

expenses of survey.

APPROVED, February 24, 1871.

CHAP. LXXI. — *An Act prescribing the Form of the enacting and resolving Clauses of Acts and Resolutions of Congress, and Rules for the Construction thereof.* Feb. 25, 1871.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the enacting clause of all acts of Congress hereafter enacted shall be in the following form: "Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled"; and the resolving clause of all joint resolutions shall be in the following form: "Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled"; and no further enacting or resolving words shall be used in any subsequent section or resolution after the first; and each section shall be numbered and contain as nearly as may be a single proposition of enactment.

Form hereafter of enacting clause of acts;

of resolutions.

No further enacting, &c. words.

Sections how to be numbered and what to contain.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That in all acts hereafter passed words importing the singular number may extend and be applied to several persons or things; words importing the plural number may include the singular; words importing the masculine gender may be applied to females; the words "insane person" and "lunatic" shall include every idiot, non-compos, lunatic, and insane person; and the word "person" may extend and be applied to bodies politic and corporate, and the reference to any officer shall include any person authorized by law to perform the duties of such office, unless the context shows that such words were intended to be used in a more limited sense; and the word "oath" shall include "affirmation" in cases where by law an affirmation may be substituted for an oath, and in like cases the word "sworn" shall include the word "affirmed."

Rules of construction; singular and plural words; masculine and feminine; "insane person" and "lunatic"; "Person" to include corporation.

"Oath" and "sworn" to include "affirmation" and "affirmed."

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That, whenever an act shall be re-